

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

August 16, 1999
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

KING PARKER, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON; BOB EDWARDS; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN DAN CLAWSON. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; SUSAN CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ABDOUL GAFOUR, Water Utility Supervisor; SANDY CHASTAIN, Community Relations Specialist; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; DEPUTY CHIEF GARY GOTTL, Fire Department; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*
Claire Booth, *South County Journal*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Community Event: 1999
Renton River Days Wrap-up

Sonja Mejlaender, Special Events and Volunteer Program Coordinator for the City, reported on the 1999 Renton River Days community festival, held during the week of July 27th through August 1st. Over 45,000 people attended various events, which included traditional favorites as well as new attractions such as a Kid's Day poster contest, free pony rides and a bocce tournament, held at the Veteran's Memorial Park.

Ms. Mejlaender acknowledged the contributions made by IKEA, the festival's first title sponsor, and co-sponsors U.S. Bank, Rotary Club of Renton, McLendon Hardware and Waste Management. Many of the sanctioned events were financially successful and will donate proceeds to benefit the ALS Foundation, Pediatric Interim Care Center, Communities in Schools of Renton, and the Veteran's Memorial. The River Days Board of Directors selected the City's Parks Division and Recreation Division to receive its outstanding service award in recognition of dedication and extraordinary efforts to ensure the continued success of the festival.

Concluding, Ms. Mejlaender said groundwork and planning are already underway for next year's festival, the 15th annual celebration of Renton River Days.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Finance Analyst Derek Todd reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ Work has begun on the South Renton sewer replacement project in the area

south of the downtown , which should take approximately five months.

- * Due to inclement weather, the Kennydale Splash Day scheduled for last Thursday has been postponed for one week.
- * Renton's delegation of 69 athletes proudly completed in last weekend's State Special Olympics Softball and Tennis Tournament held in Auburn.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Carlson – TrestleFest '99

Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, president of the Highlands Community Association, extended an invitation to attend TrestleFest, the Highlands neighborhood celebration scheduled for Saturday, August 21st from 2:00 to 7:00 at McKnight Middle School. Saying that Highlands residents appreciate the City's Neighborhood Program and all it has done to benefit their community, she credited the efforts of residents Sandel deMastus, Mike O'Halloran, Doug Keyes and Philip Beckley for their tireless assistance in planning and organizing this event.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

CAG: 99-103, Mt Olivet Reservoir Recoating & Cathodic Protection, Jones Painting

City Clerk reported bid opening on 8/09/99 for CAG-99-103, Mt. Olivet Reservoir Exterior Recoating and Interior Cathodic Protection project; six bids; engineer's estimate \$65,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the project to the low bidder, Jones Painting, Inc., in the amount of \$44,178.48. Council concur.

Parks: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Comprehensive Plan Update, Beckwith Consulting

Community Services Department requested permission to negotiate with the Beckwith Consulting Group for updating of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Comprehensive Plan at a total estimated cost of \$100,000. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Fire: Emergency Medical Services, King County Funding

Fire Department recommended approval of an amendment to the agreement with King County for Basic Life Support Services to accept \$432,973 for emergency medical services provided in 1999. Council concur.

Human Services: 2000 General Funds & CDBG Funding

Human Services Division recommended approval of the proposed allocations for 2000 General Funds and Community Development Block Grant funds (total amount \$522,090) as recommended by the Human Services Advisory Committee. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Public Works: Houser Way N Improvements, Agreement w/Boeing (Obermeyer Property Access)

Planning/Building/Public Works Department recommends approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with The Boeing Company relating to potential future improvements of Houser Way North south of Lake Washington Boulevard, particularly as they relate to truck traffic exiting from the site known as the "Obermeyer Property." Refer to Transportation Committee.

CAG: 99-021, N 40th St & Meadow Ave N Storm System, Harlow Construction

Surface Water Utility Division submitted CAG-99-021, N. 40th St. and Meadow Ave. N. Storm System project; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$7,823, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$10,091.89 to Harlow Construction Co., Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Transportation: Downtown Transit Center Access, TIB Funds

Transportation Systems Division recommended acceptance of \$36,000 in grant funds from the Transportation Improvement Board for design of the Downtown Transit Center access at Burnett Ave. S. from S. 2nd to 4th Streets. Council concur. (See page 289 for resolution.)

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL

APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole

Planning: South Renton
Demonstration Project

Council President Parker presented a report recommending that the subject of Residential Policies (relating to the Whitmore Court and Williams Ave. projects) be referred to the Planning & Development Committee. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation Committee

Transportation: Transit Signal
Priority & Traffic Control
Center Projects, Bucher Willis
& Ratliff Architectural
Services

Transportation Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding a contract for engineering and architectural services relating to the Transit Signal Priority and Traffic Control Center projects. The City of Renton and the cooperating grant agencies of King County and the State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) wish to complete the Transit Signal Priority and Traffic Control Center projects as soon as possible. The City has accepted a TIA grant (CAG-97-179) for the Transit Signal Priority project and has budgeted funds under the Traffic Systems Efficiency Program for the Traffic Control Center project.

The City does not have sufficient staff with the necessary skills and experience to complete this project. Therefore, the Transportation Systems Division is requesting to engage the assistance of Bucher, Willis and Ratliff's professional services for this project. The contract is for a lump sum of \$150,000, covering a specified comprehensive scope of services through December 31, 2000.

The Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve the contract with Bucher, Willis and Ratliff while leaving this topic in committee for information-only updates as needed throughout the remainder of the project. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Public Safety Committee

Police: Valley Communication
Center's New Facility

Public Safety Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report recommending that the subject of Valley Communication Center's new facility be referred to the Committee of the Whole for a briefing. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services Committee

Parks: Ron Regis Park Athletic
Fields, IAC Grant

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to apply to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) for grant funds to pay for 50% of the cost to construct one lighted ballfield, one soccer field, additional parking, and a domestic water line at Ron Regis Park. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$400,000.

Funds for this grant program have been made available to IAC from the Youth Athletic Facilities Account, a fund provided by Paul Allen as part of his commitment to build the Seahawk football stadium. Projects must benefit youth athletics.

If successful, \$200,000 would be provided from the grant and \$200,000 from local funds. \$165,000 is currently appropriated for this purpose in the Municipal Facilities Capital Improvement Fund #316. The remaining \$35,000 in local funds would be budgeted as currently planned in the 2000 Municipal Facilities Capital Improvement Fund #316.

The Committee recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY

CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.
CARRIED. (See page 289 for resolution.)

CAG: 99-097, Downtown Park
& Gateway Project

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to award the contract to construct the Downtown Park and Gateway to the low bidder, A-1 Landscaping and Construction, Inc., for \$1,095,886.26.

Including a recommended contingency, the estimated cost of the project will exceed available funds by nearly \$200,000. Rather than reducing the scope of the project, the Committee agreed with the staff recommendation to allocate up to \$200,000 from the Parks Mitigation Fund to complete the project as currently planned.

Additionally, a formal protest was submitted by Gary Merlino Construction Co., the second low bidder, challenging the qualifications of A-1 Landscaping to perform the concrete work as specified. Staff has researched the qualifications of A-1 Landscaping and its concrete subcontractor, Ocean Enterprises. Based on this research, the Committee concurred with the staff conclusion that A-1 Landscaping and Ocean Enterprises are qualified to complete the project, and that the City should formally reject Merlino's protest and award the contract to A-1 Landscaping and Construction, Inc.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a contract with A-1 Landscaping and Construction, Inc. for \$1,095,886.26 to complete construction of the Downtown Park and Gateway project. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

EDNSP: Neighborhood Grant
Program, 1999 Funding
Allocations

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the Neighborhood Grant Program. The Committee met on August 10, 1999, and reviewed the applications for funding for this program. The Committee recommended approval of funding for the following applications:

Neighborhood Identity Sign - Lakeview Neighborhood - \$450
Kennydale BEACH - Kennydale Neighborhood Association - \$3,063
Daffodil Border - Kennydale Neighborhood Association - \$676
Holiday Tree - Renton Hill Community Association - \$975
Kennydale Welcome Sign - Kennydale Neighborhood Association - \$1,035
Ponderosa Estates Neighborhood Sign - Ponderosa Estates - \$2,600
Victoria Hills Entryway Improvement - Victoria Hills - \$5,000
Signage Beautification - Monterey Terrace - \$425
Sprinkler System Replacement - Monterey Terrace - \$1,629.

The following applications did not meet program criteria for this funding cycle:

Park Safety & Spruce Up - Rolling Hills Village Association
Cole Manor Playground - Renton Housing Authority (RHA)
Evergreen/Hillcrest Community Building Improvement - RHA
Children's Park and Greenbelt Path - Victoria Park.

The Committee recommended that the City continue to work with the applicants from the Rolling Hills Homeowner's Association and the Victoria Park Homeowner's Association to revise their applications and return to the Committee with a final recommendation.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Noting that the approved applications total less than the \$50,000 available for this program, Councilmember Nelson said the remaining funds will be rolled over for use next year. She encouraged neighborhood groups to devise projects that could be accomplished using these grant funds.

Finance Committee

Transportation: Hiring Above Step C for Certain Positions

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report regarding the hiring of new personnel in the Transportation Division. The Transportation Systems Division currently has three vacancies to fill. There is a shortage of transportation professionals given the demand for these services over the next ten years due to a number of factors, including voter approved Sound Transit (RTA) programs and voter approved Referendum 49.

There would be no budgetary impacts for hiring above the Civil Engineer III, Step C level or the Engineering Specialist III, Step C level due to the fact that these positions had been filled by staff at the Step E levels.

However, the Program Coordinator position will have a budgetary impact that could be up to \$6,000 per year due to the fact that the position was filled with staff at the Program Coordinator I, Step E level. If needed, staff requests permission to hire up to the Program Coordinator II, Step E level for this position.

The Finance Committee recommended that Council authorize the Transportation Systems Division to hire vacant positions above Step C, as described, if needed. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

EDNSP: Outdoor Empire Publishing Tax-Exempt Financing (New Facility at 1200 Monster Rd)

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report recommending that Council authorize the Washington Economic Development Finance Authority to issue tax-exempt financing to Outdoor Empire Publishing, Inc. Outdoor Empire Publishing is currently located in Seattle, and has applied for tax-exempt financing to build their new facility at 1200 Monster Road, Renton, WA. They are a publisher and printer of outdoor-oriented magazines and will relocate 69 employees to Renton in August of 2000. Outdoor Empire Publishing qualifies for the revenue bonds per RCW 39.84. This legislation was established for the purpose of facilitating economic development and employment opportunities in the State of Washington. The legislation requires that the city within the planning jurisdiction of the project must approve the issuance of the revenue bonds. There is no liability to the City of Renton and no public money shall be used to pay for debt service. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 289 for resolution.)

Utilities Committee

Public Works: Labrador Ventures Reimbursement for Oversizing the Sewer Main at Clover Creek

Utilities Committee Vice Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending concurrence in staff's recommendation that the request by Labrador Land Company, LLC, for oversizing of their sewer main within the plat of Clover Creek be approved, subject to the following:

1. The actual reimbursement amount will be based on actual cost of the construction.
2. If the oversizing amount requested upon completion of construction is equal to or less than the amount requested of \$16,365.89 (including WSST), Council

authorized staff to reimburse Labrador Land Company, LLC, for that amount.
3. If the oversizing amount requested exceeds the original estimated amount, this matter will be referred back to Council for consideration of additional costs.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER,
COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3406

Transportation: Downtown
Transit Center Access, TIB
Funds

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into interlocal cooperative agreements with the Transportation Improvement Board for grant funds for the Downtown Transit Center access on Burnett Ave. S. from S. 2nd to S. 4th Streets. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3407

Parks: Ron Regis Park Athletic
Fields, IAC Grant

A resolution was read authorizing application for funding assistance for an athletic field at Ron Regis Park. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3408

EDNSP: Outdoor Empire
Publishing Tax-Exempt
Financing (New Facility at
1200 Monster Rd)

A resolution was read approving the action of the State of Washington Economic Development Finance Authority and the issuance of non-recourse revenue bonds to finance an economic development facility for Outdoor Empire Publishing, Inc. (the "company") and providing for other matters properly relating thereto. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

Ordinance #4789

City Clerk: City Code &
Development Regulations Fees

An ordinance was read amending subsections 5-1-2.A and D of Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by increasing fees. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning: Hiring of Senior
Planner at Step E of Pay Scale

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER OF HIRING A SENIOR PLANNER IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NEIGHBORHOODS & STRATEGIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT GRADE 24, STEP E TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:10 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk